REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	28 September 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Mu4p26q4.jpg
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Not Applicable

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout *Mu4p26q4.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The classification is given because the publication promotes and supports the infliction of extreme violence.

The publication is a printout of a computer image file, consisting of a colour drawing in cartoon style. The image depicts a man garrotting a nude woman during sexual intercourse. The sexual nature of the image is strong, due to the nudity of the figures, and the highly exaggerated depiction of the penetration of the woman's body by a huge penis. The woman is either dead or at the point of death, and her death appears to coincide with the man's orgasm. The image emphasises the women's helplessness and lack of volition. The signs of death on her face and body are presented for the sexual arousal and pleasure of the viewer. The image is likely to appeal to those with a sexual interest in death, especially the sexually-motivated murder of women. Despite the cartoon format, the image promotes and supports the infliction of extreme violence by presenting it for sexual arousal.

The relevant sections of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) have been considered. The publication promotes and supports an activity listed under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 and is deemed objectionable. The deeming provisions of s3(2) override the right to the freedom of expression set out in s14 of the NZBR Act.

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